

Listing of Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet with at least two segments, said tablet containing a drug or drugs, in which:

(a) said tablet includes two or more segments wherein at least one segment comprises an inactive composition and all segments that contain a pharmacologically effective dose of a drug or drug contain the same drug (or combination of drugs at the same ratio); or,

~~—— (b) said tablet includes: (i) a first segment containing a drug or drugs; (ii) a third segment containing a drug (or plurality of drugs) which is (are) different from the drug (or drugs) in said first segment, and (iii) a second segment that is interposed between said first and third segments and that has an undetectable amount of, or else a pharmacologically ineffective amount of, any drug present in said tablet; (iv) physical and chemical compatibility between said first and third segment; or,~~

~~—— (c) said tablet includes: (i) a first segment containing a drug (or two or more drugs); (ii) a third segment containing a drugs (or drugs) which are different from the drug or drugs in said first segment; (iii) a second segment that is interposed between said first and said third segment and that has an undetectable amount of, or a pharmacologically ineffective amount of, any drug present in said tablet; and, (iv) said third segment has either or both of the following: a height of at least 2.5 mm or an effective height of at least 1.5 mm.~~

Claim 2 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 comprising at least two compositionally distinct segments, with a first segment containing a drug in a pharmacologically effective amount and a second segment that:

(a) contains the same drug at a lower concentration than the concentration of said

drug in said first segment; or

(b) has no detectable drug or the same drug which is in said first segment in a pharmacologically ineffective amount and also includes a third segment having the same drug that is present in said first segment; ~~or~~

5 ~~(c) contains the drug in said first segment and also contains another drug or drugs not present in said first segment; or,~~

10 ~~(d) either has no detectable drug, or lacks any drug or drugs in a pharmacologically effective amount, wherein said tablet also comprises a third segment containing a pharmacologically effective quantity of a different drug from the drug that is present in said first segment and wherein said first and third segments are physically and chemically compatible; or,~~

15 ~~(e) either contains no detectable drug or else contains in a pharmacologically ineffective amount the same drug which is in said first segment; and also includes a third segment having a pharmacologically effective dose of a different drug or drugs from said drug (or drugs) that is (are) present in said first segment, said second segment having one or both of the following: a height of at least 2.5 mm or an effective height of 1.5 mm.~~

20 ~~(f) has a pharmacologically effective quantity of a different drug (or drugs) than said drug (or drugs) in said first segment, in which said tablet also includes a third vertically disposed segment having the same drug that is present in said first segment.~~

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 2, wherein said second segment has a height greater than the combined height of said first segment and said third segment.

25 Claim 5 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 3~~ claim 2, where a score, perforations, printed marks, or gelatin or a combination of thereof, are placed on or within said second segment and are predominantly horizontally oriented to guide tablet breaking through said second segment substantially without breaking through said first segment or said third segment.

Claim 6 (withdrawn).

Claim 7 (canceled).

5 Claim 8 (amended). A immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 7~~
claim 2, wherein the concentration of the drug in said first and third segments is
substantially the same.

Claim 9 (original). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 8 in
which the quantity of drug in said first and third segments is substantially the same.

10 Claim 10 (original). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 8
wherein said first and second segments come together at an interface which is provided
with a separation mark.

Claims 11-14 (withdrawn).

15 Claim 15 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 7~~
claim 2, that is derived from three vertically disposed granulations that form three
vertically disposed segments, a first segment at the top, a second segment in the middle
and a third segment at the bottom and having a substantially horizontal separation mark
placed substantially horizontally on or within said second segment.

Claim 16 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 7~~
claim 2 in which said first segment and said third segment are substantially
compositionally identical.

20 Claim 17 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 7~~
claim 2 in which said first segment and said third segment contain substantially identical
quantities of the same drug or drugs, where the amount or ratio of said drug or drugs is the
same in both segments.

25 Claim 18 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 7~~
claim 1 in which said second segment is of a color which permits visual identification of

said second segment apart from said first segment.

Claim 19 (amended). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in ~~claim 7~~
claim 1 in which said second segment contains a separation mark.

5 Claim 20 (original). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 19
in which said second segment contains indicia.

Claim 21 (original). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 20
in which said second segment contains printed indicia.

10 Claim 22 (original). An immediate release pharmaceutical tablet as defined in any one
of claims 19, 20 or 21 in which breaking said tablet, when guided by color, scoring, or
printed indicia yields a tablette having a predetermined quantity of drug.

Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (withdrawn).

Claim 25-26 (canceled).

Claims 27-43 (withdrawn).

15 Claim 44 (original). A pharmaceutical tablet as defined in claim 1 in which said drug or
drugs is or are pharmacologically effective in the treatment of cardiovascular conditions,
psychiatric conditions, diabetes, thyroid disorders, pain or thrombotic disorders.